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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, CS
SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. CARTER RE VESCO

REF: STATE 152547

1. LIGA CIVICA DE MUJERES IS A MILITANT PARTISAN POLITICAL GROUP OF THE CENTER-RIGHT. STRONGLY NATIONALIST, AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE ODUBER GOVERNMENT (WHICH IS SOCIAL DEMOCRATE IN ITS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, AND LEFT OF CENTER), THE LIGA HAS LONG VIEWED VESCO AS A CORRUPTING INFLUENCE IN COSTA RICAN MORES AS WELL AS IN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND ON INDIVIDUAL POLITICIANS. THE LIGA IS RESPECTED IN COSTA RICA, NATURALLY MORE-SO BY THE OPPOSITION. NOT EVERYBODY AGREES WITH THE LADIES, BUT THEY ARE VIEWED AS SERIOUS-MINDED, ALBEIT AT TIMES EMOTIONAL.

2. IT IS EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT THAT A REPLY TO LIGA'S LETTER IS NEITHER NECESSARY NOR EXPECTED. ALSO, EMBASSY JUDGES THAT US INTEREST WILL BE BEST SERVED BY MAINTAINING A VERY LOW PROFILE IN COSTA RICA ON VESCO CASE UNTIL AND UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO REQUEST VESCO'S EXTRADITION, AND A REPLY TO THE LIGA'S LETTER WOULD WORK COUNTER TO THAT OBJECTIVE.

3. HOWEVER, IF A REPLY IS UNAVOIDABLE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD, WITH OUTLINE OF CHARGES AGAINST VESCO. IT SHOULD SAY THAT USG CONTINUES TO STUDY EXTRADITION. IT COULD BE NOTED THAT USG TRIED TO EXTRADITE VESCO IN 1973, BUT THAT RE-
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QUEST WAS DENIED BY COSTA RICA. RESPONSE SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT ONLY US INTEREST IN THIS MATTER IS FOR MR. VESCO TO APPEAR BEFORE BAR OF US JUSTICE.

4. LIGA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PUBLISH JUSTICE'S RESPONSE
LOCALLY.
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